(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Orders by NTPC and NHPC

2066 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that untendered major orders were issued by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC);

(b) if so, what is the contract value, scope and nature of work, party's name, job completion period involved in each order worth above rupee one crore issued by NTPC and NHPC under execution at present; and

(c) which of these deals are untendered and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Both National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) award contracts to public sector undertakings such as National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) on an untendered basis after direct negotiations. Details of the untendered contracts under execution are as per the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No 115] Information in respect of the job completion period for the NTPC contracts is being collected.

Sale of drugs by IDPL

2067. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2940 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it was obligatory under DPCO, 1979 for drug/companies to get price approval for imported drugs before their sale;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that IDPL did not take price approval and how did overcharge the price of imported drugs and sold them without price approval;

(c) when was such activities came to the notice of the department and what action was taken by Govt. to serve a notice on IDPL;

(d) what is the present position and how his Ministry is resorting to indirect canalisation, and

(e) what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility and how far such activities are in accordance with the objectives under which IDPL was set up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Procedure for the Recovery of Illegal Benefits

2068. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down procedure for the recovery of illegal benefits made by the drug companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the period within which the illegal benefit is to be worked out and recovery made?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The amounts from the drug companies can be recovered as per the provisions laid down in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Issuing Notices Under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

2069. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2034 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to issue notices in all the cases, get the details scrutinise them and collect the amounts;

(b) whether high powered committee will do this routine job; and

(c) if so, when would it start and what will be the system and procedure to be adopted for collecting the details?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) As already submitted in reply to the referred question, the cases referred to in the reply are proposed to be referred to a high powered committee, for further action.

Price control on Vitamin Formulation of IDPL

2070. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) on what basis Vitamin B1 and Vitamin B2 were price decontrolled when no drug was price decontrolled, merely on the basis of its being produced by IDPL; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee had confirmed to his Ministry that both these drugs have not been recommended for price decontrol by them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the decisions of the Government on the various recommendations contained in the Report of the Kelkar Committee, all vitamins were exempt from price control as bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987, but all vitamins when used in combinations remain under price control. Vitamin 'A' and 'C' have however, subsequently been brought under price control.

Dropping proceedings against IDPL and HAL

2071. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2030 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for dropping proceedings against IDPL and HAL and under what paragraph of DPCO 1987 can Government do so;

(b) was the amount due under Para 7(2) against IDPL and HAL assessed before dropping the proceedings and if so, what was the amount; and

(c) what are the drugs/intermediates in respect of which IDPL and HAL have been paid over Rs. 5 crores during 1988 from DPEA?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government decided to drop legal proceedings only. There is no intention to deprive the DPEA of its legitimate dues